

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

July 8, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. in Gambrell Auditorium by Henry Price, Chair.

I. MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. PATTERSON

Suspending the order of business, the following memorial to Past-President William H. Patterson was read by Prof. Felix. It was written by David H. Rembert, Jr. (BIOL), Robert L. Felix (LAWS) and Robert B. Patterson (HIST). It was approved by the Senate, and a copy was sent to Mrs. Mary Alice Patterson.

Dr. William H. Patterson, twenty-fourth President of the University of South Carolina, died Thursday night, July 4, 1996, at the age of 83. Born in Charleston, he was the son of the late William Herman and Leacadia Dawson Patterson. As a student, as in other ways, he was a child of the University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees and the degree Doctor of Philosophy in History before joining the faculty in 1943, teaching courses in engineering and history. By 1950, he was also working in the administration. During his 34-year professional career at Carolina he served four university presidents and held every major administrative post, including chief academic policy maker from 1968-1974 under President Tom Jones. He also served as secretary to the Board of Trustees from 1964-1974.

Patterson was a very important figure at the University during a time of change and expansion. Long before he was President, Patterson wisely contributed to the guidance of the University in times of social and political stress, as during the peaceful racial integration of the University in 1963. In one way or another, he was responsible for a number of developments that preserved and enhanced the quality of the University, notably: he oversaw the restoration of the Horseshoe, thus preserving the geographic and emotional heart of the University; as part of the restoration of the Horseshoe, he took particular interest in assuring renovated quarters for a Faculty House; he founded the University Archives, to create a centralized system for maintaining university records that until then had been stored haphazardly on campus; he established the McKissick Museum; he also presided over the University at the time of the creation of the Medical School.

Of particular importance was Patterson's support for the creation of a Faculty Senate to execute more effectively the legislative authority of the faculty in the intervals between its general meetings. Of comparable importance was Patterson's appointment of an ad hoc committee that proposed to the faculty the tenure and promotion system that largely remains in place to this day. The Honors College also found a sympathetic advocate in Patterson. Without his early support, the practical implementation of it that followed his administration might have been delayed.

The record is impressive, and the details of Patterson's career at the University would be monument enough of his various accomplishments. But, with the passage of time, it is affectionate memory rather than curriculum vitae that recalls a colleague and leader. Dr. Pat earned our respect for what he was as much as for what he did. He trusted the Faculty and the Faculty trusted him. Unassuming, but respected, he was shy and rarely sought credit for his ideas. He was, in the words of one of our colleagues, "a South Carolinian in the best sense of the word. He was courtly and dearly loved the State of South Carolina."

In company, he was an amiable and personable man, direct and cordial, but not a person to be cajoled or trifled with. He sensed that the heart of an ongoing university was its faculty, and none who had dealing with him in matters of academic moment could doubt his candor and insight into the well-being of the University.

To his widow, Mary Alice Patterson, and those who admired him and remember the University in an earlier time, we say that the memories are good. In amusement we see him at ease tinkering on some celestial railroad, and in esteem we say:

"Remembering the days
We hail thee, Dr. Pat,
And sing thy high praise."

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 24, 1996.

The minutes were approved as submitted with the deletion of the last sentence of the first paragraph on page 4.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

IIIA. Provost Search Committee: Matthew Bruccoli (ENGL), Chair

Since the President and the Acting Provost were absent, the chair requested the Provost Search Committee to report to the Senate. The committee examined 163 applications and directly interviewed ten of these applicants. Five of them have visited campus, met with faculty and administrative groups, and made open presentations to the faculty. The President is considering the applicants and may select one, have several back for further interviews, or give the committee other instructions.

IIIB. Report of the Office of the Provost: Carol Garrison, Assoc. Provost

This report was presented after the Senate acted on the Grade Change Committee Report. It is presented here for logical continuity.

1. The State budget has been approved with a 3.4% increase for staff and an average 3.4% merit for faculty. The budget also provides about \$15 million for a statewide, need-based scholarship program. This should provide scholarships for about 7,500 students.
2. The State has approved \$10 million of the \$20 million needed for a 140,000 square-foot science building, which should be completed by January 1999.
3. The Legislature has also approved the idea of the University becoming a Carnegie I research institution.
4. The President asked that his thanks be extended to those faculty who gave time and energy to work with the General Assembly to improve the University's funding.
5. The President also wanted to extend his thanks to Professors Henry Price and Sarah Wise for their efforts with the University budget preparations.
6. The increase in state support is \$1.1 million (about 0.3% of the entire budget). Increased operating costs and the University's portion of the salary raises give us an initial deficit of \$400,000. Considering this, the Board of Trustees has raised tuition as follows: 2.5% for in-state undergraduates; 3% for out-of-state undergraduates; 3% for resident graduate students; 4% for non-resident graduate students; and a \$35 per term technology fee (this will increase to \$50 per term in fall 1997). The President has stated, "This budget provides the minimal possible resources with which to meet the University's basic needs and continue to build our academic competitiveness. It is a consensus budget derived after stringent analysis and founded upon the idea that we can fulfill our ambitious but achievable goals in an efficient manner."
7. Interim Provost Vernberg has asked all deans to be sure that thorough and candid faculty evaluations are performed this year. Constructive suggestions are to be made with regard to deficiencies and support for improvements. At the same time, the faculty should be applauded for the contributions they are making. "The President feels that it is imperative for the academic integrity and development of our institution that faculty arrive at the tenure or promotion application time with a legitimate and clear view of where they stand relative to both the department and the University's expectations for them."

8. Other searches: Romney Duffy has been appointed as the new director of SCUREF and Blease Graham is Dean of the College of Criminal Justice. Final interviews are being held for the Dean of the School of the Environment and the new Dean of the College of Engineering should be announced shortly. The searches for Deans of the College of Education and the School of Public Health have been re-initiated. The membership lists for the search committees are available in the Senate Office.
9. In reply to a question from Richard Conant (MUSC), Richard Bayer (Registrar) said that the total enrollment in the May session and Summer I session was about the same as the total in last year's Summer I session. There were approximately 1,100 in the May Session. The numbers are still being evaluated. Thorne Compton (THSP) stated that the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee is doing an evaluation that, among other actions, involves a survey of all those involved.
10. Glenn Harrison (ECON) asked what was the status of removing any possible gender and racial inequities in salaries. In particular he has questions on the statistical results and his ability to obtain data. Provost Garrison responded that the committee is active and that it has provided all the information that it is allowed to provide under state law.
11. Caroline Eastman (~~SOCH~~ ^(CSCT)) asked what was being done about maintenance of existing buildings. Provost Garrison said that the administration was aware of the problems that deferred maintenance was causing and that steps were being taken to improve such areas.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IVA. Senate Steering Committee: John Safko, Secretary

The secretary announced the following two committee vacancies:

Grievance Committee -- a two-year term to replace Sally Woodin

Scholastic Standards and Petitions -- a two-year term to replace Sue Haddock

The election will be held at the September meeting. Any faculty with suggested names should first contact the person before contacting the Senate Office. The Steering Committee will propose names at the next Senate Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has agreed in advance.

IVB. Grade Change Committee: Stephen McNeill, Chair

The committee report was accepted as submitted.

IVC. Curricula And Courses Committee: Caroline Eastman, Chair

The following actions were taken on the committee's report:

Section I, College of Business Administration. After editorially changing IBIS to IBUS, and for IBUS 402, changing "marketing of services." to "marketing of products and services.", the committee's recommendations were approved.

Section II, College of Engineering, was approved with the following editorial corrections. The title of EECE 332 should be Fundamentals of Communication Systems and the semicolon in the description replaced with a colon. Add a closing right parenthesis to EECE 311.

Section III, College of Liberal Arts, was approved after some discussion and the editorial change of the title of SPAN 541 to COLONIAL SPANISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE TO NEOCLASSICISM.

Since there was no Section IV, the committee moved the adoption of Section V from the College of Science and Mathematics, including the material on the special handout. The editorial changes were

Statistics instead of Statistic, two instead of 2, in CSCI 40 read "Fundamentals of software development ...", and in CSCI 411 add a comma to make "naming, protection,...". The committee report was adopted as corrected.

Section V was amended to make clear that the Marine Science course is in the College of Science and Mathematics.

The committee also reported that a copy of the new course guidelines has been distributed to all units. Senators were asked to verify that these have been received. The committee also has not yet distributed the list of courses promised in the last meeting. These should be mailed out soon.

The committee is investigating the use and misuse of special topics courses and the related issue of course duplication. Information on this will be available in the near future. The committee also suggested that special courses related to the celebration of 2001 should be considered by the units.

IVD. Committee On Scholastic Standards And Petitions: Thorne Compton, Chair

The committee will present, in September, a recommendation on transient credit and another on a revision of the academic forgiveness policy. Please contact the committee about the May session with any suggestions and comments.

IVE. Safety Committee: Richard Conant

The committee is concerned about the changes in the intersection of Bull and Blossom. It is proposed, contrary to initial plans, to have a left turn lane on Bull but no light on Blossom.

V. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: John Safko

The secretary reminded all committee chairs to have their reports in the Senate Office in time for inclusion in the September agenda.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charles Mack (ARTH) asked what had been done about this question from last year to have a committee consider the pedagogy involved in off-campus education. The chair said the matter would be referred to an appropriate committee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS and VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Price reminded the Senators that nominations should be made from the floor during the September meeting for a new Senate Chair to be elected in October for a term starting next year. Nominations are not made by the Steering Committee -- only from the floor. Please consider this matter, talk with your nominee and arrange for a second. Please give this your deep consideration between now and September so we will have a number of candidates coming forth for the job.